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TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), PA

SUBJECT: TODMAN VISIT - PROPOSED DEPARTURE STATEMENT

1. AT THE CLOSE OF AMBASSADOR TODMAN'S AUGUST 17 PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE ASUNCION AIRPORT, HE MIGHT WISH TO MAKE A BRIEF DEPARTURE STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES.

2. ENGLISH VERSION:

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. THIS HAS BEEN AMOST USEFUL EXCHANGE AND I APPRECIATE YOUR FRANKNESS AND THE OPPORTUNITY THIS HAS GIVEN ME TO GAIN AN IDEA OF WHAT YOUR PREOCCUPATIONS ARE, AS WELL AS TO EXPLAIN OUR POSITION ON A NUMBER OF VITAL ISSUES.

"BEFORE LEAVING THIS HOSPITABLE COUNTRY, I WISH ESPECIALLY TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER, TO FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES, AND TO ALL THE OTHERS, BOTH OFFICALS OF THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT AND OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE CHURCH, AND INDIAN LEADERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED ME SO COURTESOUSLY AND GIVEN ME SUCH A GRACIOUS WELCOME.

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"THE VISIT YESTERDAY TO ITAIPU HAS MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION ON ME, AND I NOW REALIZE WHAT IS MEANT BY THE JUSTIFIED SUPERLATIVES WHICH CHARACTERIZE ANY ATTEMTP TO DESCRIBE THIS MAGNIFICENT PROJECT. I WISH TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO ENGINEER DEBERNARDI WHO WAS MORE THAN GENEROURS OF HIS TIME IN ESCORTING US ON OUR EXTENSIVE TOUR OF THE INSTALLATIONS.

"THE PURPOSE OF MY BRIEF VISIT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED: I TAKE WITH ME A MORE EXACT IMPRESSION OF THE PARAGUAYAN REALITY; AND I TRUST I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLICIES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. WE VALUE GREATLY OUR LONG ASSOCIATION AND FRIENDSHIP WITH PARAGUAY, AND I DEPART IN THE FIRM CONVICTION THAT THIS ASSOCIATION AND THIS FRIENDSHIP WILL ENDURE AND BECOME EVER CLOSER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH."

3. SPANISH VERSION:

"GRACIAS POR SU ATENCION. ESTE HA SIDO UN INTERCAMBIO MUY UTIL Y APRECIO SU FRANQUEZA TANTO COMO LA OPORTUNIDAD QUE ESTA OCASION ME HAD DADO DE OBTENER UNA IDEA DE CUALES SON SUS PRE-OCUPACIONES, ASI COMO DE EXPLICAR NUESTRA POSICION EN UNA SERIE DE ASUNTOS DE VITAL IMPORTANCIA.

"ANTES DE DEJAR ESTE HOSPITALARIO PAIS DESEO ESPECIALMENTE EXPRESAR MI AGRADECIMIENTO AL PRESIDENTE STROESSNER, AL MINISTRO DE RELACIONES NOGUES, ASI COMO A OFICIALES DEL GOBIERNO PARAGUAYO, DE LA IGLESIA, DE LOS PARTIDOS POLITICOS, REPRESENTANTES DE LOS INDIGENAS, Y MIEMBROS DEL SECTOR PRIVADO, QUIENES ME HAN RECIBIDO CON TANA CORTESIA Y ME HAN OFRECIDO UNA BIENVENIDA TAN AMABLE.

"LA VISITA QUE HICE AYER A ITAIPU ME HA IMPRESIONADO PROFUNDAMENTE Y AHORA COMPRENDI QUE ES LO QUE SE ENTIENDE POR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LOS JUSTIFICADOS SUPERLATIVOS QUE CARACTERIZAN TODO INTENTO DE DESCRIBIR ESTE MAGNIFICO PROYECTO. DESEO PRESENTAR MIS RESPETOS AL INGENIERO DEBERNARDI QUIEN DIO MAS QUE GENEROSAMENTE SU TIEMPO ACOMPAÑANDONOS EN EL EXTENSO RECORRIDO QUE HICIMOS DE LAS INSTALACIONES.

"EL PROPOSITO DE MI BREVE VISITA HA SIDO CUMPLIDO: LLEVO CONMIGO UNA IMPRESION MAS EXACTA DE LA REALIDAD PARAGUAYA, Y CONFIO EN HABER PODIDO CONTRIBUIR A UNA COMPRESION MAS CLARA DE LAS POLITICAS Y ASPIRACIONES DEL GOBIERNO DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS. NOSOTROS VALORAMOS GRANDEMENTE NUESTRA ANTIGUA ASOCIACION Y AMISTAD CON EL PARAGUAY, Y ME VOY CON LA FIRME CONVICCION DE QUE ESTA ASOCIACION Y ESTA AMISTAD PERDURARAN Y SERAN CADA VEZ MAS ESTRECHAS. MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS."

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